



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ALNWICK

11TH FEBRUARY 2018. THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to St Michael's – especially if you are with us for the first time. Please do stay behind after the 9.30 and 11.15 services for tea/coffee and a chat. If you receive Communion at your own church, you are invited to do so here or, if you would prefer, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Large print books and a loop system are available.

This leaflet gives details of readings, services and other events in the near future – please take it home with you to read and then use as a reference for the coming days.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President and Preacher The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig
Reader Hilary Atkin

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: David Thorne: Mass of St Thomas

President The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Parents with babies and very small children are most welcome to take them to the Children's Corner (at the back of church) at any time.



INTROIT HYMN 2 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1ST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12 Reader Jean Sawyer
(Page 342 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Today's readings all speak of the mystery of glory sometimes revealed when earth and heaven are united. When Elijah's great prophetic work was done, we are told he was taken up to heaven with wind and fire, and his powers were inherited by Elisha.

2ND READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Reader Paul Jarvis
(Page 177 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

This passage is chosen to harmonise with today's theme of glory. Christ is glorious, says Paul, with the glory of God himself, and the light he brings shines in our hearts.

GRADUAL 281 'Tis good, Lord, to be here

THE GOSPEL**Mark 9:2-9***(Page 42 of the New Testament in the pew bible)*

The Lord's closest friends see him transfigured upon a mountain-top, in a disclosure of his true identity. In the presence of figures of Moses and Elijah, a cloud of glory comes upon him and the voice of the holy one is heard.

SERMON**The Rev'd Canon Alan Craig****PRAYERS****Intercessor The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****OFFERTORY HYMN****719 Lord, the light of your love is shining**

After the Offertory, the service continues with The Eucharistic Prayer E which starts on page 11 of the Ordinary Time booklet

COMMUNION HYMN**464 Sweet Sacrament divine****CLOSING HYMN****486 Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice.****11.15 am LATE MORNING WORSHIP****Leader Emma Mavin****Talk The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter****11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION AT DENWICK****President: The Rev'd Colin Perkins****Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****6.00 pm SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings: 1 Kings 19:1-16 *(Page 363 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)*
 2 Peter 1:16-21 *(Page 234 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)*

Reader: Catherine Hughes**Office The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott****Preacher The Rev'd Colin Perkins**

Hymns 696 **Jesus, where'er thy people meet**
 Psalm 2 *(Page 347 of the small Prayer Book)*
 541 **Lord of beauty, thine the splendour**
 537 **For the beauty of the earth**
 116 **Be thou my guardian and my guide**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Christian writers
- Diocesan committees
- Hospital Chaplains
- The Mothers' Union and Women's Institute
- A good keeping of Lent

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 13 th	7.00 pm	Pancake Party in Parish Hall
Wed 14 th Feb		Ash Wednesday
	10.15 am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Thurs 15 th Feb	7.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP <i>and every Thursday in Lent</i>
	12 noon	Lent Lunch in the Costello Centre
Sun 18 th Feb	12.30 pm	Sunday Lunch in Parish Hall

Next Sunday 18th February First Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP	Genesis 9:8-17	CW 458
		1 Peter 3:18-22	CW 459
		Mark 1:9-15	CW 459
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship with Holy Communion		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19	

Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank the dear folks of St Michael's for their prayer, love and concern during his illness over the last three weeks. It has been hugely appreciated to have such support during what has been a quite trying time. He is now feeling much better and beginning to ease back into parish life – although a short period of hospitalisation will be required in a couple of months.

Today is your last chance to obtain a ticket for our **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY**. Do come along and enjoy this social occasion which is much appreciated by many.

Do, please, ensure that you have a copy of our **LENT LEAFLET** and decide how you will embrace this season during which we are all called to grow spiritually. You will see that there is plenty on offer!

Do make every effort to get Lent off to a good start by being at the Eucharist on **ASH WEDNESDAY** – either at 10.15 am or 7.30 pm. Remember that our early **THURSDAY MORNING CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** begin this week and do consider signing up for our **TUESDAY AFTERNOON LENT SESSIONS ‘WHAT MAKES FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH?’**: There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church today and it would be really helpful to have an idea of numbers likely to attend.

There is also a selection of possible **LENT READING** from local author and retired priest the Rev'd Richard Ferguson. Do have a look and see if anything whets your appetite.

LENT BOXES for the work of the **CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY** are also available at the back of church. Do take one and help support this well-known and worthy mission society.

Our usual **LENT LUNCHES** will be taking place each Thursday, at 12 noon in the Costello Centre. Please note that it is St Michael's turn to act as host on **Thursday 1st March** –Help will be needed, both to make the soup and help on the day. Please let Pat Taylor know if you are willing to help in any way. Donations towards the ingredients are always welcome. Thank you

Please do come along and join in with making our **PALM CROSSES** – if you don't know how or have forgotten, somebody will be there to show you how. We will meet in the Parish Room, at **12 noon, on Wednesday 21st March** and share expertise, tea/coffee and cake. There will be 200 crosses to make – the more, the merrier!

Would members of the **MOTHERS' UNION** please note that this week's meeting (which will be very short) will take place after the 10.15 am Holy Communion on Wednesday morning instead of our usual time of 2.00pm.

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Wed 21 st Feb	6.30 pm	Christians Together in Alnwick AGM at St James' Centre, Pottergate
Sat 24 th Feb	11.00 am	Messy Church in Parish Hall
Mon 26 th Feb	2.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors at the Vicarage
5 th March	7.00 pm	Alnwick Deanery Synod in St Michael's Parish Hall
Thurs 15 th March	10.00 am	School of Prayer at Newcastle Cathedral

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